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SUBJECT: TANAKA MESSAGE TO BREZHNEV ON PEACE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FOREIGN OFFICE AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRGEN OKAWARA CALLED ME IN ON MARCH 22 TO BRIEF ME ON PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S MESSAGE TO BREZHNEV DELIVERED BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW ON MARCH 20 (REFTEL).

2. OKAWARA STATED THAT MESSAGE WAS IN REPLY TO AN ORAL MESSAGE CONVEYED TO PRIME MINISTER TANAKA BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN IN MID-FEBRUARY. AS BACKGROUND TO TANAKA'S RECENT MESSAGE OKAWARA EXPLAINED THAT AT TIME OF JAPAN-SOVIET SUMMIT MEETING OF OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR, IT WAS AGREED THAT JAPAN AND SOVIET UNION WOULD INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE TREATY DURING 1974. AT THAT TIME GOJ ALSO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE TO HOLD SUCH NEGOTIATIONS AT AS HIGH LEVEL AS POSSIBLE. AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND PRIME MIN TANAKA'S RECENT MESSAGE TO BREZHNEV PROPOSED THAT SOVIET "LEADERSHIP" VISIT JAPAN DURING THIS YEAR FOR THE
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PURPOSE OF HOLDING NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE TREATY. OKAWARA

SAID THAT BREZHNEV HAD REPLIED TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD MAKE ITS REPLY "AFTER STUDYING MATTER."

3. OKAWARA STATED THAT GOJ HAS NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT OF TERRITORIAL ISSUE WHICH IS "REAL CORE OF PEACE TREATY NEGOTITION." HOWEVER, HE EXPLAINED, IT IS GOJ INTENTION TO SEEK PATIENTLY TO OPEN THE WAY FOR SETTLEMENT OF THAT ISSUE THROUGH A SERIES OF SUMMIT TALKS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION AS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MESSAGE FROM BREZHNEV CONVEYED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR LAST FEBRUARY, OKAWARA STATED THAT THE MESSAGE HAD OUTLINED THE BASIC POSTURE OF THE SOVIET UNION REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE USSR AND IN THIS CONNECTION HAD EXPRESSED BREZHNEV'S READINESS TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. BREZHNEV MADE NO REFERENCE AT THAT TIME TO THE OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS ON A PEACE TREATY. OKAWARA ALSO STATED THAT ASSUMING A FAVORABLE RESPONSE, GOJ DOES NOT EXPECT THAT BREZHNEV OR OTHER SOVIET LEADERS WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT JAPAN BEFORE JULY OF THIS YEAR, AND HE INDICATED HE THOUGHT VISIT MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN FALL.

5. AS AN ASIDE OKAWARA SAID THAT AMBASSADOR SHIGEMITSU'S MEETING WITH BREZHNEV HAD LASTED ABOUT FORTY MINUTES AND THAT SHIGEMITSU HAD REPORTED THAT BREZHNEV SEEMED EXHAUSTED FROM THE PRESSURE OF HIS MANY RESPONSIBILITIES. BREZHNEV SAID THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO VISITS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT NIXON. THE SUBJECT OF CHINA WAS NOT RAISED IN THE CONVERSATION.
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